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### WASHINGTON TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION HOSTS BARN WORKSHOP IN SPOKANE

*Workshop set for Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in City Hall*

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If you own an old barn in Spokane County or the surrounding area, are you aware of the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*? A program of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, this initiative established the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list of historically significant barns.

Owners of historic barns more than 50 years old that retain a significant degree of historic integrity can nominate their barn to be designated as a Heritage Barn and be included in the statewide register. Additionally, owners of designated Heritage Barns are eligible to apply for matching grants available to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects. Nomination forms along with application materials are available at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-register>.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the City of Spokane Historic Preservation Office will host a **free** workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the lower level of City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., for barn owners wishing to learn more about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*.

Chris Moore, Field Director with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing program documents.

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The next deadline for nominating a barn to the Heritage Barn Register is Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, with the deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds set for Saturday, Oct. 17, 2011.

Join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and to obtain assistance in participating in this valuable program.

For more information about the workshop or the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* call Chris Moore at (206) 624-9449 or visit [www.wa-trust.org](http://www.wa-trust.org).

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